

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JANUARY 4, 2010

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 127

Introduced by Assembly Member Jeffries

January 16, 2009

An act *to amend Section 3111 of*, to add Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 3116) to *Chapter 8.5 of Division 4 of Title 1 of*, and to repeal and add Article 2 (commencing with Section 3113) of; Chapter 8.5 of Division 4 of Title 1 of, the Government Code, relating to volunteer service.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 127, as amended, Jeffries. Volunteer service: Office of California Volunteers and California Volunteers Commission.

Existing law establishes the Office for Citizen Initiative and Voluntary Action within the office of the Governor.

This bill would repeal the statutes establishing the Office for Citizen Initiative and Voluntary Action within the office of the Governor, and instead enact provisions establishing the Office of California Volunteers within the office of the Governor, specifying the duties and responsibilities of the office, and ~~setting out the appointment scheme for requiring that the office be led by the Secretary of Service and Volunteering, who would be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Governor.~~

The bill also would establish the California Volunteers Commission, which would serve as California's "State Commission" for purposes of the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993 and its implementing rules and regulations. The bill would provide for the composition of the commission, that the members would serve without

compensation, and that the First Lady of California or First Gentleman of California would serve as the Honorary Chairperson of the commission. The bill also would provide that no more than 50% of the commission, plus one member, shall be from the same political party.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3111 of the Government Code is amended
2 to read:

3 3111. As used in this chapter, the following terms have the
4 following meanings:

5 (a) “Volunteer” means any person who, of his or her own free
6 will, provides goods or services, without any financial gain, to any
7 state agency, as defined in Section 11000.

8 (b) “Administrative volunteer” means any person serving
9 voluntarily on boards, commissions, or other similar bodies with
10 California state government, and of the state.

11 (c) “Direct service volunteer” means any person involved in
12 specific volunteer service that includes one to one one-to-one
13 relationships with, or assistance to, recipients of government
14 services.

15 ~~SECTION 1.~~

16 SEC. 2. Article 2 (commencing with Section 3113) of Chapter
17 8.5 of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code is repealed.

18 ~~SEC. 2.~~

19 SEC. 3. Article 2 (commencing with Section 3113) is added
20 to Chapter 8.5 of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code,
21 to read:

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23 Article 2. Office of California Volunteers

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25 3113. (a) There is in the office of the Governor an Office of
26 California Volunteers to recruit and mobilize California residents
27 for volunteer service.

28 (b) “Office” as used in this article means the Office of California
29 Volunteers.

1 3114. Consistent with federal and state law, the duties and
2 responsibilities of the office shall include, but not be limited to,
3 the following:

4 (a) Recruiting and mobilizing California residents for volunteer
5 service by identifying service opportunities throughout the state
6 and by recognizing residents for the contributions they make as
7 volunteers and participants in public service programs.

8 (b) Serving as the state's lead agency for community service
9 and volunteerism, informing the public of the value of and need
10 for greater community service and volunteerism in California,
11 calling upon all Californians to become involved, and challenging
12 public and private institutions to create and support community
13 service and volunteer opportunities.

14 (c) Partnering with other public agencies at the state, county,
15 and local levels, and the private and nonprofit sectors to leverage
16 greater resources and create more opportunities for, *and greater*
17 *participation in*, service and ~~volunteerism~~ *volunteering*.

18 3115. ~~The executive director, deputy director, and other staff~~
19 ~~of the office~~ *office shall be led by a Secretary of Service and*
20 *Volunteering who* shall be appointed by the Governor and shall
21 serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

22 ~~SEC. 3.~~

23 *SEC. 4.* Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 3116) is added
24 to Chapter 8.5 of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code,
25 to read:

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27 Article 2.5. California Volunteers Commission
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29 3116. (a) There is established in state government the
30 California Volunteers Commission that shall serve as California's
31 "State Commission" for purposes of the National and Community
32 Service Trust Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12501 et seq.) and its
33 implementing rules and regulations.

34 (b) "Commission" as used in this article means the California
35 Volunteers Commission.

36 3117. (a) In keeping with the requirements of the National
37 Community Service Trust Act of 1993, the commission shall
38 include the following individuals as voting members:

39 (1) An individual with expertise in the educational, training,
40 and development needs of youth, particularly disadvantaged youth.

(2) An individual with expertise in promoting the involvement of older adults in service and volunteerism.

(3) A representative of community-based agencies or organizations within the state.

(4) The Superintendent of Public Instruction.

(5) A representative of local government.

(6) A representative of local labor organizations.

(7) A representative of business.

(8) An individual between 16 and 25 years of age who is a participant or supervisor of a service program for school-aged youth, or of a campus-based or national service program.

(9) A representative of a qualifying national service program.

(10) *A representative of the volunteer sector.*

(b) Voting members of the commission shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor for terms of three years and are eligible for reappointment.

(c) The Governor may appoint to the commission other voting or ex officio, nonvoting members, subject to the limitation that the total membership of the commission shall not exceed 25 members.

(d) The spouse of the Governor, also known as the First Lady of California or the First Gentleman of California, shall serve as Honorary Chairperson of the commission. In this capacity, the First Lady or First Gentleman, with the assistance of her or his office, shall lead a broad range of service and citizen initiatives that develop and strengthen the human, cultural, and natural resources of the state.

(e) The First Lady or First Gentleman and commission members shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for travel expenses and receive a per diem as appropriate.

(f) No more than 50 percent of the commission, plus one member, shall be from the same political party, as required by federal law.

CORRECTIONS:

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